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PASS DOE FOR LES GOLDMAN, ASST. SEC. BERGOLD AND DON
ALBERT; DOE/FERC FOR COMMISSIONER SMITH AND JOHN ADGER

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SUBJECT: GOC FILLS TOP NORTHERN PIPELINE COMMISSION JOBS

1. AT HIS APRIL 27 PRESS CONFERENCE PRIME MINISTER
TRUDEAU ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF FORMER PRIVY COUNCIL
PRESIDENT AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SECRETARY MITCHELL SHARP
AS NORTHERN PIPELINE COMMISSIONER. EMBASSY ALSO LEARNED
THROUGH COMMISSION SOURCES THAT GOVERNMENT HAS APPOINTED
HAROLD S. MILLICAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CANADIAN PETROLEUM
ASSOCIATION, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE COMMISSION. SHARP
WILL BE HEADQUARTERED IN OTTAWA. MILLICAN WILL MANAGE THE
COMMISSION'S FIELD OPERATIONS FROM CALGARY.

2. COMMENT: SHARP IS COUNTED AMONG THE LEADING FIGURES
OF CANADIAN POLITICS OVER THE LAST TWO DECADES. HE WAS
PRIVY COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND GOVERNMENT LEADER IN THE HOUSE
OF COMMONS FROM 1974 TO 1976. HE SERVED AS SECRETARY OF
STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS FROM 1968 TO 1974. HE ALSO
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HELD MINISTERIAL PORTFOLIOS FOR TRADE AND COMMERCE (1963-
65) AND FINANCE (1965-68). AN ECONOMIST, SHARP ENTERED
POLITICS AFTER A DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN THE CIVIL SERVICE,
HOLDING POSITIONS OF ASSOCIATE DEPUTY MINISTER (1951-57)
AND DEPUTY MINISTER (1957-58) OF TRADE AND COMMERCE.

3. SHARP IS NO STRANGER TO ENERGY POLICY AND PIPELINING.

AS ASSOCIATE DEPUTY MINISTER AND DEPUTY MINISTER UNDER C.D. HOWE AT TRADE AND COMMERCE HE WAS ONE OF THE ARCHITECTS OF THE TRANSCANADA PIPELINE PROJECT. HE IS A FORMER VICE-PRESIDENT OF BRAZILIAN TRACTION, LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY, LTD. AS EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SECRETARY HE TOOK A LEADING ROLE IN THE NEGOTIATION OF THE U.S.-CANADA TRANSIT PIPELINE TREATY.

4. PERHAPS THE QUINTESSENTIAL OTTAWA "MANDARIN," SHARP HAS A REPUTATION FOR DISCRETION, PRECISION, FIRMNESS, AND A GOOD SENSE OF TIMING. CONGENIAL AND GREGARIOUS, HE ENJOYS TELLING A GOOD JOKE. STAFFERS AT THE PIPELINE CDM-MISSION ARE PLEASED BY THE APPOINTMENT. SEVERAL OF THEM ARE SECONDED FROM EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND WORKED WITH SHARP ON THE TRANSIT PIPELINE TREATY.

5. HAROLD MILLICAN IS WELL KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY AND CONGEN CALGARY. HE IS WELL DISPOSED TO THE UNITED STATES, AND WE HAVE FOUND HIM TO BE A VERY ABLE, PRACTICAL MAN WITH WHOM WE HAVE ENJOYED A GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP.

6. MILLICAN'S APPOINTMENT INFORMALLY LINKS THE AGENCY TO THE ALBERTA POWER STRUCTURE. A FORMER EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO PREMIER PETER LOUGHEED, AND LATER DEPUTY MINISTER OF INTERPROVINCIAL AFFAIRS, MILLICAN IS WELL WIRED INTO THE EDMONTON ESTABLISHMENT. HIS LIBERAL PARTY AFFILIATION
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AND HIS ALBERTA CONNECTIONS ALSO GIVE HIM SIGNIFICANT STANDING IN OTTAWA CIRCLES. MILLICAN'S APPOINTMENT IS A GOOD OMEN FOR THE PIPELINE PROJECT; IT IS A SIGN OF THE ALBERTA GOVERNMENT'S STRONG INTEREST IN COMPLETING THE PROJECT, AND, BY INFERENCE, THAT ALBERTA IS NOT LIKELY TO ALLOW ITS TRADE DEMANDS TO BLOCK WHAT ARE INCREASINGLY SEEN AS PREREQUISITES FOR FINANCING THE PROJECT -- EARLY GAS DELIVERIES AND PRE-BUILDING OF SOUTHERN SECTIONS OF THE PIPELINE.

7. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THE QUALITY OF THESE APPOINTMENTS, PARTICULARLY THAT OF A PRESTIGIOUS AND WELL RESPECTED POLITICAL FIGURE LIKE MITCHELL SHARP, DEMONSTRATES THE HIGH DEGREE OF IMPORTANCE THE GOC ATTACHES TO SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE PIPELINE PROJECT. ENDERS

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